

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The barrier rib for an EL display element according to Claim [4] 19, wherein the resin composition contains a colorant.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The barrier rib for an EL display element according to claim 5 which has an optical density value of 0.1 or more with a film thickness of 1 μm .

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The barrier rib for an EL display element according to claim 19, 4, which comprises wherein a volatile component generated by heating at 25°C to 200°C is present in the barrier rib in an amount of 10 % or less of the weight of the barrier rib, the amount of said volatile compound being determined by elevating the temperature of said barrier rib from 25°C to 200°C at a rate of 1°C/s.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An EL display element comprising the barrier ribs of claim 4 claim 19.

Claims 10-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The barrier rib from an EL display element according to Claim 4 Claim 19, wherein said angle is from 40 to 50°.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): An EL display element comprising the barrier ribs of Claim 5.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The barrier rib for an EL display element according to Claim 8, wherein the volatile component ~~generated~~ is 5% or less of the weight of the barrier rib.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The barrier rib for an EL display element according to Claim 8, wherein the volatile component ~~generated~~ is 2% or less of the weight of the barrier rib.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The barrier rib for an EL display element according to Claim 8, wherein the volatile component ~~generated~~ is 1% or less of the weight of the barrier rib.

Claim 19 (New): A barrier rib for an EL display element which is formed from a radiation sensitive resin composition comprising (A) an alkali soluble resin selected from the group consisting of a novolak resin, a homopolymer of a radical polymerizable monomer having a phenolic hydroxyl group, a homopolymer of a radical polymerizable monomer have a carboxyl group, and an epoxy group-containing a copolymer of at least one unsaturated carboxylic monomer selected from the group consisting of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and an unsaturated carboxylic anhydride, an epoxy group-containing unsaturated monomer and another olefinic unsaturated monomer other than said at least one unsaturated carboxylic monomer and said epoxy-group-containing unsaturated monomer (B) a polymerizable

compound having an ethylenically unsaturated bond, and (C) a radiation sensitive polymerization initiator, on a substrate, said barrier rib having a trapezoidal cross section form with a longer top side than the bottom side on the substrate and an angle formed by a straight line connecting the upper pattern edge and the lower pattern edge and the top side of 15 to 75°.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

The amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed January 29, 2004, stands unentered, as so stated by the Examiner in her Advisory Action of February 18, 2004.

Claim 4 has been rewritten as claim 19 to make clear the nature of the alkali soluble resin (A), consistent with the disclosure at page 4, line 26 to page 34, more particularly defining the homopolymer and the copolymer. The other relevant claims have thus been made dependent on Claim 19.

The amendment to Claims 8 and 16-18 find basis at page 44, lines 5-9 of the specification.